

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 30, 2003

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 30, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Room 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton
Arthur Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez
Edgar L. Vann, Jr. **(ABS)**
Megan Norris

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Shoulders
AC Bully-Cummings
AC Harold Cureton
Insp. Lee
Cmdr. Burden
Insp. Tolbert
Lt. J. Smith
Lt. M. Lyon
Sgt. K. Williams
Sgt. Debbie Jackson
Sgt. S. Hall
Sgt. Shirley Berger
Sgt. Meisel
Sgt. Clement
PO A. Vinson
PO Irvette Reed
Civ. Patrice Woodard

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supv. Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Elie, Sassine, Police Commission Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Craccioholo

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hampton called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, October 23, 2003**

MOTION: Comm. Norris made the motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, October 23, 2003.

SECOND: Comm. Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT

The Eleventh Precinct is requesting permission to accept a continuation of a grant project entitled “**Drive Michigan Safety Task Force**,” from the Michigan Office of Highway and Safety Planning (M.I.O.H.S.P.).

The grant will establish specified dates to curb drinking and driving violations and to enforce the State of Michigan’s drunk driving and seat belt laws. The goal of the grant project is to saturate a particular area during peak events within the boundaries of the Eleventh Precinct. The grant will also pay overtime for officers’ salaries.

The total budget for the grant is **\$89,747.00**. There is no cash match required by the City of Detroit.

October 27, 2003

Board of Police Commissioners
1300 Beaubien
Room 328
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

Dear Board Members:

To ensure that the Leadership Team of the Detroit Police Department functions at full capacity, the position for Assistant Chief, Investigations Portfolio must be filled. The position of Assistant Chief is a demanding position that must be held by an innovative, skilled and proven leader who has demonstrated a commitment to and a belief in serving the community.

Therefore, I am submitting the following for executive appointment to the rank of Assistant Chief, effective October 27, 2003:

**APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT CHIEF,
INVESTIGATIONS PORTFOLIO**

Deputy Chief Harold Cureton, currently the Commanding Officer of Central Services Bureau, is a 30-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, appointed on July 10, 1972. Deputy Chief Cureton was promoted to Sergeant on February 1, 1980, Lieutenant on January 10, 1986, Inspector on February 15, 1995, Commander on May 14, 1999 and Deputy Chief on July 15, 2002.

During his 30-year tenure, Deputy Chief Cureton was assigned to the following precincts, sections, and units: First Precinct, Narcotics Prisoner Processing Unit, Second Precinct Patrol Operations, Court Section, Disciplinary Administration Section, Internal Affairs Section, Commanding Officer of the Internal Controls Bureau Intelligence Unit, First Precinct Patrol Operations, Major Crimes Division, Commanding Officer Special

Crimes Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Police Chief of Staff, Commanding Officer of the Narcotics Support Division, and Commanding Officer of the Narcotics Enforcement Division.

Deputy Chief Cureton has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Madonna University and a Master of Liberal Studies Degree in Interdisciplinary Technology from Eastern Michigan University. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, and has attended many seminars and training sessions conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on gang and narcotic related activity.

Deputy Chief Cureton is highly active in numerous community relations' organizations and attends many community meetings throughout the city of Detroit taking complaints on gang and narcotic related activity, in an effort to better serve the community.

From the information presented, it is apparent that Deputy Chief Harold N. Cureton has demonstrated a commitment to the law enforcement profession. Therefore, I am asking your concurrence in the executive appointment of Harold Cureton to Assistant Chief, Investigations Portfolio.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

JERRY A. OLIVER, SR.
Chief of Police

JAO/SFF/mm

MOTION: Comm. Norris made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment to the rank of Assistant Chief.

SECOND: Comm. Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell, Personnel Subcommittee, addressed the following recommendations to the Board for approval:

- Police Commission Investigator Elie Sassine be promoted to Senior Police Commission Investigator.

MOTION: Comm. Blackwell made the motion to approve the above promotion.

SECOND: Comm. Norris seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance vote in the affirmative.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated that there is a recommendation to review three (3) resumes to fill the vacated Police Commission Investigator's position by the promotion of Senior Investigator Elie Sassine. We will make a recommendation when the committee reconvenes and bring that individual forward.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated there was a retirement by Dr. Carey Ford, Office of the Chief Investigator, who had a permanent position in the Department and it dealt with auditing systems analysis of computer related activities and we tried to negotiate a particular agreement or personal services contract. At this point, it has not been acted on. We have found out what the cost was and with the nature of Dr. Ford's particular expertise, we thought it was in the Department's best interest to bring that issue forward. It is my understanding that Dr. Ford is still prepared to take the personal services agreement. I think that the contract amount, is it all right to say that in the meeting? I am asking the committee members.

Comm. Norris stated that legally yes. Public salaries are all public.

Comm. Blackwell stated it sounds like yes to me. He stated \$30,000 and they would provide the minimum 20 hours per week and when you add the salary fringes up before, it was more like \$90,000 or \$100,000 a year for 40 hours. If you divide it by 2, it seems like we are getting a good deal. It is simple math for those who have not figured it out yet, that is \$45,000 versus \$30,000. My recommendation if Dr. Ford is still interested, would be to offer Dr. Ford the personal services agreement

and continue to provide that service for us. It is real invaluable in terms of services that have been provided to this point. It will be critically invaluable in relative to some of the ongoing work with the Department of Justice (DOJ) situation.

Comm. Norris stated she was in general supportive of what Comm. Blackwell was suggesting but her only concern would be not particular to Dr. Ford but anytime we have a contract employee like that, it is harder to monitor what they are doing and was wondering if we may anticipate giving Dr. Ford, we obviously would not be doing it but it would be the person supervising, which would be the Interim Chief Investigator, Arnold Sheard, but we would be giving him particular expectations so that we could measure whether in fact we are getting our money's worth.

Comm. Blackwell stated absolutely. Because any personal services contract should have a scope of services section and it not only talks about what it should do but what it should accomplish.

Comm. Norris stated some sort of way of measuring.

Comm. Blackwell stated some sort of benchmark and so what I would like is in the particular agreement that we talk about that as well as maybe ask for Dr. Ford to appear on a monthly basis in front of the Board or as needed for the benefit of any questions or comments that we might have.

MOTION: Comm. Blackwell made the motion to approve the personal services agreement to Dr. Ford on an annual basis for the period of one (1) year not to exceed \$30,000 to provide data based and computer related services that he did as a full-time employee but now he is a contract services employee.

SECOND: Comm. Norris seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated that the Personnel Subcommittee is continuing to work on the other issues relative to the various resumes that we have been requesting for the Chief Investigator position. That process is ongoing.

Comm. Hampton wished to commend the Personnel Subcommittee for a job well done and we will be hearing more from them.

4. SECRETARY REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

This Week

Year to Date

Weekly Count of Complaints: **34** **1,080**

Weekly Count of Allegations: **55** **2,251**

Arrest	2	97
Demeanor	13	647
Entry	0	48
Force	7	183
Harassment	6	79
Procedure	11	799
Property	1	118
Search	0	90
Service	14	189

Pending Cases

As of October 29, 2003, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **680 pending cases**, which include **136 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **42 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **101 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **143 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **147 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, and **101 cases** with an age of 7-9 months, and **10 cases** with an age of 10-12 months.

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During the past week: 19 Year to Date: 921

5. CHIEF'S REPORT

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
MIND'N OUR BUSINESS

Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of October 22-28, 2003:

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The Narcotics Enforcement Section conducted forty-one (41) enforcement actions. These enforcement actions reflected in twenty-two (22) felony and fifty-two (52) misdemeanor arrests; the confiscation of 80.9 grams of cocaine, 76.0 grams of heroin and 1,169.0 grams of marijuana with a total street value of \$173,836.00. \$17,751.00 in U.S. currency, sixteen (16) firearms and five (5) vehicles were confiscated.

TACTICAL SERVICES SECTION

On October 21, 2003, officers assigned to the Tactical Services Section were in the area of the 3800 block of E. Davidson when they observed two unknown suspects exit the front door of "Rite Aid" followed by patrons screaming "they just robbed us." The officers pursued the subjects on foot; with the assistance of other officers, both suspects were arrested and charged with "Robbery Business."

TWELFTH PRECINCT

On October 22, 2003, officers from the Twelfth Precinct (12th Pct.) Special Operations Unit received a phone call from an off-duty police officer also of the 12th Pct. Special Operations Unit. He was in a bar in the 13000 block of W. Eight Mile Road and observed a subject wanted on three (3) counts of Assault with Intent to Commit Murder with two associates. The officers made the location and arrested the suspect who was also wanted for Homicide 1st Degree and one of his associates who was arrested for Felony Firearm, Felon in Possession, Carry Concealed Weapon and Habitual Four.

Chief of Police Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Blackwell stated that it was very ironic that the news media would still spend a substantial amount of time prepping these stories for Angel's Night when California is burning down. It is just ironic that they would even waste time by trying to keep this thing alive by continuing to prep it as some major event when year after year, these fires and incidents and other activity related to this weekend is going down. It

should really be a non-news issue but I don't that they will ever let that be and that is sad.

Comm. Hampton stated that the Board wish to thank Insp. Benjamin Lee for giving an excellent presentation at the Service Employees Center where we recruited about 74 new Angels and also Assistant Chief Ella Bully-Cummings for assisting in that endeavor.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m.
1300 Beaubien – Room 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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